(c) The Government of India has been implementing a scheme titled The Adolescent Girls (AG) Scheme" which was revised last year and renamed as Kishori Shakti Yojna (KSY) with a training component, particularly on the vocational aspects, aimed at empowerment and enhanced self perception and convergence with other programmes of similar nature in the education, rural development, employment and health sectors. The objectives of the revised scheme are to improve nutritional and health status of girls in the age group of 11—18 years, to provide the required literacy and numeracy skills through the non-formal stream of education, to stimulate a desire for more social exposure and knowledge and to help them improve their decision making capabilities, to train and equip the adolescent girls to improve/upgrade home-based and vocational skills, to promote awareness of health, hygiene, nutrition and family welfare, home management and child care, and to take all measures as to facilitate their marrying only after attaining the minimum age of 18 years. At present, the scheme is being implemented in the metropolitan city of Delhi only.

Tribal population in Andhra Pradesh

567. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total population and total number of households of tribals in Andhra Pradesh as per latest Census;

(b) the number of tribal families living below the poverty line in the State; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for these poor tribal families of the State to improve their standard of living?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRIJUAL ORAM): (a) As per as 1991 Census, the total population of Scheduled Tribes (STs) in Andhra Pradesh was 41,99,481 and the number of households of tribals in the State were 8,88,147.

(b) As per the poverty estimates for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes made by the Planning Commission (1993-94), 25.66% of Scheduled Tribes population in rural areas and 46.68% of ST population in urban areas lived below poverty line in Andhra Pradesh.

(c) As far as this Ministry is concerned various schemes for economic development in agriculture, animal husbandry, horticulture, rural development, small scale industries, forestry etc. are being implemented under the strategy of the Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) in the State of Andhra Pradesh to improve the standard of living of tribal people living below the poverty line.

ST status to Bodos and Karbis of Assam

568. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to grant Scheduled Tribe status to some more communities living in hills and plains of Assam;

(b) if so, the details of such communities; and

(c) Government's stand on the question of granting same status to the Bodos of hills and Karbis of plains in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (c) There is a proposal to notify the Lalungs of autonomous districts and the Dimasa, Hajong, Singhpho, Khampti and Garo communities in the plain areas as Scheduled Tribes in relation to the State of Assam.There is also a proposal to change the name of the Mikir community to Karbi. The prqcess of consultation with expert agencies on the question of granting Scheduled Tribe status to Bodos of autonomous districts and Karbis of plain areas is not yet complete, as per the modalities approved for deciding such claims.

Land to landless tribals in Kerala

569. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether many tribals in Kerala do not have land of their own;

(b) if so, the total number of such tribals, district-wise;

(c) whether Government are planning to provide land to the landless tribals;

(d) if so, the details of area of fresh land identified for the purpose, district-wise aiong with the details of category of land *viz.* revenue land,